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Community incensed over cops and robbers game

CONGRESS, N=3 IN OPEN ANTI-NAZI COMPETITION

ZOC fights politics in Zionism

ONLY IN CANADA: THE "PARTIES" WILL CONTINUE TO DIVIDE FUNDS

Canada is one of two countries not affected by the recent decision of the Jewish Agency executive to stop its annual subsidies to political parties. The other country not included in this ruling that all financial support, direct or indirect, to Jewish "political parties" in the Diaspora from public funds should be discontinued is Great Britain.

A spokesman for the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem which supervises the distribution of funds collected for Israel among Jewish communities the world over told our JCNS correspondent officially that the withdrawal of support will not be applied to Canada and the United Kingdom.

This, the Agency spokesman said, would be impossible in those two countries because of the party structure and the partnership of various organizations in the fundraising campaign. If the United Israeli Campaign should not go ahead with the system of supporting these "political parties" in Canada (and in England), those "parties" would go out on their own and compete with the United Jewish Appeal. He frankly admitted that the Jewish Agency had been forced to continue this system despite the crisis in Israel because of "political parties" in Canada which are opposed to this new decision and which constitute the leadership of the United Israel Appeal, a constituent of the United Jewish Appeal here.

The "political parties" involved in this deal are: Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi; Labor Zionists (Mapai); Ahdut Avoda; Mapam (known here as Friends of Pioneering Israel); Zionist Revisionist. The Zionist Organization of Canada is not considered a political party.

Only because of the assurance that there would be a continuation of these subsidies, these "parties" have pledged not to conduct their separate campaigns. (The only political group in Canada conducting a separate campaign despite these agreements is the Labor Zionist movement which controls the Histadrut Drive. It seems that some movement may be launched against the continuance of the separate Histadrut campaign which weakens the general United Jewish Appeal effort.)

Among the countries where there will be no more direct or indirect subsidies to local counterparts of Israeli political parties in the United States of America where the local federations and welfare funds have protested for years against this patronage and waste of public funds raised for charity.

The Canadian Jewish community, however, will face a distinct problem besides the continuation of subsidies to "political parties."

The Zionist Organization of Canada, which has maintained for decades a tradition of neutrality in intra-Zionist feuds, will be forced openly to disavow a new "federation" which will be based on the Israeli party system and which demands full control of the fundraising within the Canadian Jewish community and its splitting up according to the Israeli party key. Those groups that have decided to form this "federation" are: Labor Zionist Movement (counterpart of Mapai); Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi (counterpart of the National Religious Party); Poale Zion Ahdut Avoda (representing Israel's Ahdut Avoda); the extreme leftist Mapam (operating here as Friends of Pioneering Israel).

Recently in Montreal the Zionist Organization of Canada held a special meeting where this problem was discussed. Mr. Lawrence Freiman, president, who returned from Brussels, Belgium, reported on negotiations here.

At the meeting, it was decided to reject a suggestion made in Brussels by Dr. Nahum Goldmann to change the Zionist Organization of Canada and reorganize it according to Israeli political divisions. The Zionist Organization of Canada is determined to keep away from Israeli politics. At this meeting it reaffirmed its belief that Canadian Jewry is for the continuation of the non-political character of Zionism.

Among the groups supporting the Zionist Organization of Canada on this stand is the Zionist Revisionist Organization.

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THE PRESIDENT SAID NO – Senator Jacob Javits who saw President Johnson about "The Jews and Vietnam" and asked for a clarification. More details in Goldberg Report on page 3 (also story below).

GALLUP POLL

New York, (JCNS) A Gallup poll published here last night shows that 41 per cent of U.S.A. Jews approve of President Johnson's policy on Vietnam and 41 per cent disapprove. Eighteen per cent expressed no opinion.

The results of the poll, coming in the midst of the controversy provoked by the Jewish War Veterans after their meeting with Mr. Johnson, are considered to be closely comparable to the rest of the population.

Canadian Jewish Congress agent says his organization saved Beattie from "extreme" anti-Nazis

From the Editors: This report reflecting the mood in the Jewish community following the "revelations" of the Canadian Jewish Congress in a Toronto magazine should not be interpreted as an editorial endorsement of the policies of either of the two groups involved in the feud about Nazis: the Canadian Jewish Congress and the N-3 Nazi Fighters. It is a reporter's story; nothing else.

BY A STAFF REPORTER

Though the article by a spy employed by a Jewish organization as undercover agent with Beattie, the self-proclaimed Nazi leader of Canada, obviously was planted in a publication, the organization's public relations department chooses to take the responsibility for some of the "information" while denying knowledge of other embarrassing points.

From the point of view of circulation, the feature story, "I Spied on the Nazis," by John Garrity, has been the biggest boon for Maclean's Magazine.

The Canadian Jewish News reported in its issue of September 14th that this cops-and-robbers feature story was a planned publicity stunt for the public relations outfit of the Canadian Jewish Congress through Maclean's may not be aware of it.

Of course, no one states that this magazine consciously was anxious to prove to the Jewish community how well the Canadian Jewish Congress protects us from the potential Nazi danger. But the author, an employee of Congress, does not make any bones about it.

CONGRESS CONFIRMS "REVELATIONS"

Many in the Jewish community wonder about some serious allegations made by Mr. Garrity and not denied by the public relations department of the Canadian Jewish Congress. In fact, in an official statement the Canadian Jewish Congress declared:

"We can confirm the substantial accuracy of the account given, in so far as it concerns the involvement of the Canadian Jewish Congress."

Because the Canadian Jewish Congress officially goes on record declaring as valid and correct Mr. Garrity's appraisal of its role in the Beattie affair, questions arise in the minds of many.

WE AND HE SAVED BEATTIE

Mr. Garrity, for one thing, terms the opponents of the Canadian Jewish Congress, "the lunatic fringe." He contends, that, while Congress wants to fight Beattie within the law, some "among the lunatic fringe of an organization, largely Jewish, called N-3, would use more violent means to remove Beattie." He also states it was because of him that Beattie was saved from this violence.

Says Mr. Garrity: "He (Beattie) also believes I helped save him when N-3 staked out a hall in which he had planned to hold a supporters' meeting. I had been tipped off that N-3 planned to break up the meeting with stink bombs and I told my Jewish Congress contact. When I drove Beattie past the hall and he saw about fifteen cars full of N-3 people plus about a score of police cars posted there on the advice of the Jewish Congress, he quickly canceled the meeting-- and thanked me. 'You probably saved my life again,' he said."

If this is so, many want to know: how can the Canadian Jewish Congress accuse an organization, of which a leading North American rabbi had been the honorary chairman, of planning to do away with Beattie?

PURE NONSENSE

True, the so-called N-3 organization competes with the Canadian Jewish Congress in the field of "defending" the Jewish community against a potential Nazi danger. Nevertheless the question remains: how can one believe that this eminent rabbi, who, was at that time, the honorary president, would have been involved in such a plot?

Another question arises: is it really necessary for the Toronto police to have another "ghetto police" guarding activities within the Jewish community?

If true, that Beattie was saved bodily from a plot by the N-3, thanks to the Canadian Jewish Congress' tipping off the police, then why had the police taken no action against these plotters?

In the sections of the feature dealing with the role of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Mr. Garrity officially is backed up by the Congress office. Congress states that his allegations about its role are substantially correct. Then how is it possible for the authorities to have ignored the knowledge of an organized plan to do away with Beattie?

IS BEATTIE A THREAT?

In another part of this feature bordering on yellow journalism, the author minimizes Beattie. Congress confirms in a statement Garrity's following evaluation of Beattie:

"Sadly it is the N-3 organization and the anti-Nazi extremists who, in their attempts to destroy Beattie, provide him with most of the publicity he craves. If it weren't for the riots and the assault and the public protest meetings they hold, there'd be no real news in Beattie..." Still, in the headline Maclean's Magazine announces in bold type, "...Are today's Fascists merely a joke? No, says the author: they are a menace--and they must be crushed."

Hence, following the internal fued within the Jewish community for "influence upon the masses," many wonder: when and where in this feature is Garrity right--when he minimizes the Beattie danger in order to attack the N-3 and their successful operations independent of the Canadian Jewish Congress or when he admits that Beattie is in contact with Rockwell and calls for the destruction of the Nazi movement?

Mr. Garrity originally was contact man for No. 3 Anti-Nazi fighters, the organization that recently staged the much publicized City Hall demonstration for banning Hitlerite propaganda here. According to N-3 sources, Garrity was not paid by them. Then the Canadian Jewish Coniress, in competition, offered him a paid position which he accepted; he left N-3.

DANGEROUS PUBLICITY

Despite an enormous effort by the public relations outfit of the Canadian Jewish Congress to publicize this feature so much as possible, the serious Canadian daily press paid no attention to the Garrity revelations.

There was too much to this story of self-praise and visible publicity for one organization vying for anti-Nazi business with another group for the press to consider it seriously. Still, so far as the Jewish community is concerned, the allegations made in this article and the name calling have posed a query which must be answered: how far will the

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• Commentary •
By M. J. Nurenberger

SUKKOT

There is more to the sukka than the joy and fun of banqueting for eight days in a booth covered with foliage. Though the gladness and happiness of the sukka period is a direct biblical command, the sukka itself is symbolic of something very apropos to modern man and his problems in the affluent society.

The Feast of Tabernacles connotes the improvised dwellings which were the homes of the Israelites wandering through the desert. There were no real estate operators in those days, for there was no real estate. Everything was transient, temporary; nothing could be permanent in a desert. To a Bedouin to whom the desert is home, the only established reality are the earth and heaven above.

Perhaps in our time on this continent, in the rush to suburbia and in the continuous run after more and beautiful "permanent" homes with all conveniences, when people are under the illusion that a big house, an expensive home, a palatial residence, is forever and ever — the sukka causes one to pause and think about man's impermanence on earth.

Time and again it was said by the Teachers of Old that when one sits down at the festive table in the sukka and gazes heavenward through the opening in the foliage, he becomes aware of powers above and beyond his reach.

The halakhic provision that there be an opening in the cover of the sukka, that the leaves and twigs must be separated, is a reminder to man that — while he may feel insecure in the sukka — there is a Power above that protects him. Only those who believe in the illusion of permanence on this earth may feel uncertain dwelling in the sukka. To him who sees through the leaves, this sukka, this habitat is rooted as firmly as the palace of the rich.

We live at a time when one tries to outdo the other not only with a more beautiful home but with a grander house of worship. Everything must glitter and be up-to-date while, at the same time, one forgets there is no assurance in building unless there is an opening in the roof so that man may remember that every home is but a sukka, a transient abode for eight days or eighty years; that man cannot build structures of wood or marble forever. It is the little sukka that symbolizes what is eternal: the spirit.

The booth also is called the sukka of peace, perhaps because a man content with his lot in his own little booth is at peace with his fellowman; he does not covet what is not his, whether individually or as a group. Only those envious of the possessions of others create quarrels which lead to wars.

It is a wonderful institution, this sukka of curs. More parents ought bring their children into the sukka to see for themselves that, no matter how much progress humanity has made since the Israelites wandered through the desert, what remains is but sukka.

No direct answer from White House

New York, (JCNS) - American-Jewish leaders have been working hard to close the breach between the White House and the Jewish community, but there has been no direct response from President Johnson to a request by Senator Javits on Monday that he confirms or denies statements attributed to him about aid to Israel. However, B'nai B'rith leaders who met the President last week, reported that "the views attributed to Mr. Johnson conveyed neither his attitude nor his convictions.

"The inference of an inter-relationship between future American-Israeli affairs and support among Jewish organizations for Administration policies in Vietnam appears to us to have been as inaccurate as it was unfortunate."

WASHINGTON MAY TOLERATE ISRAELI INTERVENTION IN SYRIA, SAYS PAPER

PARIS - The U.S. has twice warned Israel that any "preventive" attack on Syria or other action to change the status quo on the frontier would mean the end of deliveries of Skyhawk bombers, the weekly "Jenue Afrique" claimed last week.

The Tunisian weekly, published in Paris, gave no source for the report.

It added:

"But the demarches of the State Department are meeting a growing resistance among certain American special services which believe that the evolution of the Syrian internal situation is very dangerous, and this idea is gaining ground daily."

The Tunisian paper said that it was "not impossible" that Washington might eventually "tolerate" an Israel military adventure against Syria.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman commented:

We have in the past counselled the Israelis against retaliatory raids, both in Israel and here, but there has been no question of tying sales of aircraft to this restraint."

TITO OPENS ISRAELI PAVILION

Zagreb, (JCNS) - The value of trade between Israel and Yugoslavia is expected to reach $25 million this year, Mr. Avigdor Dagan, the Israeli Minister, told a press conference in Zagreb last week.

He was speaking at the Zagreb trade fair where 34 Israeli firms are exhibiting a wide range of products, including food and textiles. The Israeli firms are taking part in the fair for the eleventh year.

The fair was opened by President Tito, who was accompanied by Mr. Edward Kardelj, the president of the Federal Assembly, and Mr. Peter Stambolic, the chairman of the Federal Executive Council.

During their tour of the exhibition they visited the Israeli pavilion and were welcomed by Mr. Dagan.

Members of the Jewish community and Yugoslav commercial representatives were entertained by the Minister at a reception last week.

He also told the press conference that since 1958 trade between the two countries had more than doubled from $9-1/2 million (about 3,393,-000 pounds) to $20 million, and that Split shipyard was building two cargo ships for Israel.

To The Reader

- This is the Erev Sukkot issue. It appears on the eve of the Feast of Tabernacles. Thus it contains more Holiday greetings.
- Next week our newspaper will appear on Wednesday, October 5th, owing to the incidence of Simhat Torah. Because of the Holiday the offices of The Canadian Jewish News will be closed on Thursday and Friday, October 6th and 7th.
- HAG SAMEAH!

VERA WEIZMANN

JERUSALEM — Vera Weizmann, 84, widow of Israel's first President, Chaim Weizmann, died in London, England, last week. She was interred in Rehovot, Israel, next to her husband.

Mrs. Weizmann died of heart failure in the London clinic which she entered after slipping and breaking a hipbone. She had been in Britain for six weeks on a private visit. She was accorded a State funeral by order of Premier Eshkol.

Her daughter-in-law, Dr. Maidie Weizmann, was with her when she died. Her son, Benjamin, accompanied the body to Israel, Reuter reports. Her younger son, Flight-Lieutenant Michael Weizmann, was lost in action over the Channel in 1942.

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Toronto Synagogue News

DELIVERS LECTURE

* Rabbi G. Felder, spiritual leader of Shomra Shaboth Congregation, will deliver a lecture on: Sukkoth and Simkhat Beth Hakhevah. The shiur takes place on Thursday, September 29th, 6:00 p.m.
* On Saturday, October 1st, 5:45 p.m., the Rabbi will deliver a shiur, The Mitzvah of Hakhel at the Conclusion of the Sabbatical Year.
* On Wednesday, October 5th, during Shacharis services, the congregation will sound the shofar during hakofos at Shacharis services.
* Rabbi Felder conducts Talmud classes Saturdays, 8:00 a.m., and Tuesdays, commencing October 11th, 8:30 a.m. Tractate Avodah Zarah will be discussed Tuesday.

U.S.Y.

The Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth will have its first meeting of the season shortly. U.S.Y. is composed of boys and girls and the chapters belong to Conservative synagogues.

NEW CHAIRMAN

Dr. Larry Hausman replaces Mort Margolius as chairman of the Breakfast Club of Holy Blossom Temple. He will be assisted by Dr. Gerald Shane.

AMBASSADOR TO PRESENT PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD. Ambassador Gershon Avner, Israel's envoy to Canada, has been designated by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to represent the State of Israel at the forthcoming "Israel Prime Minister's Award Dinner". He will present the Eshkol Medal to Telegram Publisher John Bassett, guest of honour of the dinner.

The auspicious occasion will be the first when the Eshkol Medal is presented to a Canadian. Cast in bronze, and designed by the Government of Israel on behalf of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, the medal is awarded "for service in the cause of Israel's development" through State of Israel Bonds which this year marks the fifteenth year since its launching.

Hundreds fleeing to Jordan from Red-dominated Syria

Paris - The number of Syrian refugees now granted political asylum in Jordan totals about 400, Amman Radio reports. Meanwhile, scores of other supporters of Col. Salim Hatoum's abortive coup on September 2, are reported to have crossed the border into Lebanon.

The latest group to arrive in Amman included the secretaries of several Syrian trade unions and junior army officers.

The inside story of the recent abortive putsch in Syria was given in "Le Monde" by Middle East correspondent Eric Rouleau.

Chief putschist Colonel Hatum invited the country's political and military elite to a feat at his Jebel Druze home town of Soueida. After dining and wining his guests for hours on end the host appeared with a tommygun and divided the sheep from the goats: those who were willing to accept him as new master of the country from those who refused. The latter, including strongman General Salah Jedid, were cast into prison.

But Jedid's chauffeur got away in his car after a chase by Hatoum and gave the alert in Damascus where a curfew was imposed. Chief of Staff General Suweidani who had been unable to attend the feast, remained loyal to the Government and ordered the 70th Brigade and units stationed on the Israel frontier to march on Hatoum stronghold.

Hatoum, seeing the game was up, took refuge in Jordan. As Rouleau remarks, Hatoum broke a hallowed tradition - Syrian putsches habitually take place at dawn, but he acted at an afternoon banquet.

German aryan in Uruguay beaten up as a "judeo"

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay.- A man identified as a German fugitive from justice was found bound and gagged on the floor of a Church with a sign tied to him reading:

"May this serve as a warning to all Jewish and Bolshevik agents not to stick their noses where they shouldn't. Heil Hitler."

The man, Herbert Bittner, 31, was taken to hospital semi-conscious. Police said he had been beaten but was not in serious condition. They said he had been robbed of $250. They said he told them he belonged to "an international Jewish organization" which he would not further identify, and had been on a tour through Chile, Brazil and Argentina.

The West German Embassy spokesman said Bittner, who is from Hamburg, "is a German - but not a Jew." The spokesman said "Bittner is a German citizen and is wanted by German authorities in connection with certain delinquencies he committed."

The spokesman did not specify what these are, but in Frankfurt, justice authorities said they involved petty fraud.

General Motors will soon establish Israeli factory

TEL AVIV.- General Motors of Detroit has made a "concrete offer" to invest in a car assembly plant in Israel, the company's local agent, Leo Goldberg, said here.

Having just returned from a visit to the U.S. Mr. Goldberg told the press he had submitted the offer in letters to the Ministers of Transport and Finance.

He refused to divulge further details of the offer pending his first meeting with Government officials in Jerusalem.

HISTADRUT BUYS TWO MORE PLANTS

TEL AVIV. - The Kibbutz Artzi federation is negotiating the sale of two successful factories to Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company.

The two firms are Askar paints and Ne'eman ceramics, with a reported joint annual turnover of $3 million. Negotiations are said to be in advance stage, according to Hevrat Ovdim sources.

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AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG "I ACTED ON MY OWN"

NEW YORK - Arthur Goldberg, U.S. ambassador to the U.N., said on Sunday that he had acted on his own when he conferred with about 40 leaders of American Jewish organizations.

"I never talked to President Johnson before or since" he told reporters.

He apparently was annoyed at the reports that he had acted as the President's intermediary at the meeting.

H. WAYNE TANEBAUM

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IMPORTANT BOND POSTS ANNOUNCED FOR YOUNG LEADERS. Two of Toronto's active young community leaders have been appointed to key posts on the Greater Toronto Committee for State of Israel Bonds. H. Wayne Tanebaum will serve as Chairman of Builders, representing investors of $3,000 or more in the current campaign. Philip Granovsky will head the Guardians, representing investors of $1,000 or more. These categories are included in the structure of the Honour Societies of Trustees, Builders, Guardians and Sponsors of Israel which have been established to provide unique identification throughout the world, with those men and women who have undertaken a special level of participation in the Israel Bond program.

On Wednesday, October 19th, the National Honorary Societies will sponsor "The Israel Prime Minister's Award Dinner" at the Inn on the Park to mark their official inauguration.

The Mideast crisis

CAIRO, DAMASCUS IN JOINT ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL

CAIRO, EGPT. - Egypt and Syria would in future take joint action against Israel in the event of any future "Israeli aggression," Syrian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Markhous was quoted as saying in an interview.

The interview appeared in the weekly "Akhbar el-Yom" and it quoted Markhous as saying that an Egyptian military mission was currently in Syria "examining the requirements for joint action against Israel".

"In the face of any Israeli aggression, the answer will be joint Egyptian-Syrian military action" the interview quoted him as saying. "This will be done not under the unilateral Egyptian commitment to defend any Arab state but under wider and deeper coordination, and practical steps already achieved."

In the interview, Markhous urged all "Progressive forces" in the Arab world to get together and unify their aims and actions for the liberation of Palestine from Zionist occupation."

The Syrian Government began a reshuffle of district governors, beginning with a replacement in the Suweida area which was the scene of the abortive rising on September 8. Damascus Radio announced that the Governor of Suweida was sent to take over the governorship of Rakka in north-east Syria, whose Governor was fired.

The move appeared to be part of an extensive purge of the Government administration and the state-run public service.

Syria has renewed its call to oust Western oil companies from the Arab world. Markhous made the latest plea in a speech at the remote north-eastern Syrian town of Rakka on Friday night, making the beginning of construction work on a 400-mile oil pipeline. He said the $28m. pipeline would mark Syria's drive to become the first country in the Arab world to export its oil independently.

EXODUS HERO COMES TO TORONTO. ZEV SIEGEL, legendary hero of secret missions in Cyprus and Roumania after World War II, which enabled groups of Jews to reach the shores of the Holy Land, and a volunteer in refugee rescue operations aboard the famed "Exodus", will visit Toronto on October 2nd. He will participate in a Parlour Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ungerman, on behalf of State of Israel Bonds. Mr. Ungerman will be guest of honor at a Testimonial Dinner under the sponsorship of Eglinton Lodge, B'nai B'rith, October 25th at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

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JERUSALEM - Syrian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Makhous was quoted as saying that Syria would have no objection to Egyptian troops entering Syria.

In an interview with the Cairo weekly "Rose el Youssef," he said Syria and Egypt would complete in one month their joint plan to "strike at any aggressor."

Makhous in an interview last week said the plan was directed against Israel. An Egyptian military mission is now in Syria to work out details of the plan.

(Syrian President Nur e-Din el-Atassi declared Syria was "not a policeman employed to protect Israel."

He was quoted by Damascus Radio as telling members of the all-Arab Bar Association:

"We have said we will launch a people's war to liberate Palestine, and we stand by this."

He also strongly attacked "visits to Europe by Arab reactionares, the Bourguibists and Islamic pacters.")

Syria last week complained to the Security Council that Israel was adopting a policy of aggression which was threatening not only Syria but the security of the entire Middle East. In a letter to the Council, Syria said Israel had increased the frequencies of false accusations against Syria.

The Syrian Ba'th Party's paper "Al Ba'th" charged Israel with planning to launch a new attack on Syria. It also accused Jordan and Saudi Arabia of plotting with dissident Syrian Army officers the overthrow of the Syrian Government. It said the purpose of the planned Israeli "aggression" was to pave the way for the interference of "imperialist powers" in Syria.

"Al Ba'th" claimed that Major Selim Hatoum, leader of the latest bid to topple the Syrian regime, had left Amman where he had taken refuge and was now in Saudi Arabia. It said he would go to Beirut to hatch a new plot against the Damascus regime.

Syrian Premier Youssef Zayyan, accused the U.S. and Saudi Arabia of allocating $250m. to finance plots to topple the Syrian Government.

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In Bonn

S.S. MEN DEMAND PENSIONS

RENDSBURG, West Germany - About 850 Nazi S.S. "Elite Guards" renewed their demand for welfare benefits from the Government here on Sunday. They were taking part in the 12th meeting of the Hiag, an association of ex-S.S. men which concerns itself with the social welfare problems of its members.

The Bonn Government bans ex-S.S. men from receiving state pensions as are granted to soldiers.

Wolfgang Iml, a Free Democratic Member of Parliament said the Waffen S.S. men had nothing in common with the concentration camp criminals but were regular combat soldiers. "All good Germans must unite and declare clearly that these soldiers had nothing to do with those inhuman deeds."

Hermann Gluesing, a Member of Parliament of Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's Christian Democrats, told his "dear comrades of the armed S.S." that their claims for pensions were justified.

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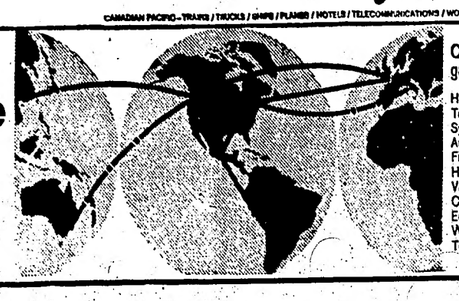

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Handouts for politics

PARTIES AND CHARITY DRIVES

A British friend of this newspaper forwarded to us a photostatic copy of an editorial which appeared last week in the London Jewish Chronicle the world's oldest and foremost Jewish newspaper.

The editorial, our friend writes, gave him the illusion for a moment that he was reading The Canadian Jewish News. Finally, in England too, people have become aware of the immoral and unethical system of dividing charity funds among agencies of Israeli political parties.

The Jewish Chronicle (dated September 23, 1966) says editorally:

"The welcome given to the change of policy by the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency in the matter of subsidies to political parties in the Diaspora appears to have been premature.

"A subsequent clarification from Jerusalem shows that Britain and Canada are excluded from the provisions. Local Zionist parties, partners in the J.P.A., United Jewish Appeal will continue to receive payments from the appeal for their "constructive purposes". None of the arguments adduced or adducible in favour of this argument holds water.

"Activities by Zionist parties in this country, whether constructive or purely partisan, are inextricably scrambled.

"Funds to support parties first go to pay for their offices and staff, whose duties are primarily party political.

"Funds for the truly constructive activities by parties in Israel should not be involved.

"The Jewish Agency is well fitted to make its own allocations to all worthwhile projects in Israel itself.

"The unity of the J.P.A. (United Israel Appeal), should mean that all sections of the community united in collecting funds for use in Israel according to agreed criteria. Unity cannot be bought by giving handouts or kickbacks. By abolishing them, J.P.A., United Israel Appeal receipts not only would not suffer but might very well gain.

"There are some who are chary of donating at present, when some proportion of the collected funds is utilized for activities only remotely related to immigrant absorption and other urgent needs of the Jewish State.

"Were it made known that every penny collected would be transmitted to Israel with the exception of the irreducible minimum needed for administration, donors and potential donors would be encouraged. If a Zionist party wishes to appeal to its supporters in this country for funds for local political purposes, it should make its case to the community and be judged on its merits."

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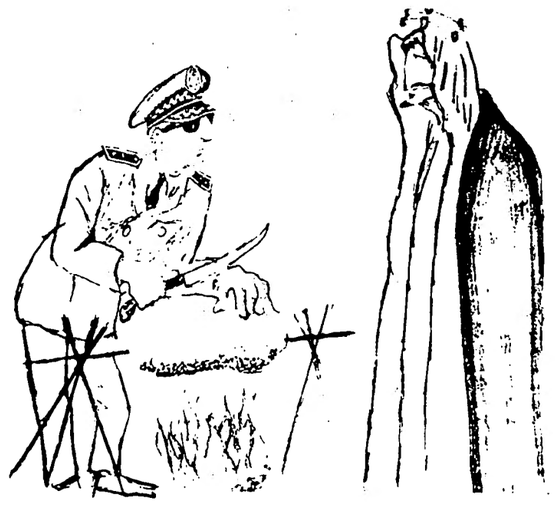
We salute the London Jewish Chronicle upon this initiative. Still we caution the editors that it will be a long time before these words of truth will pierce the walls of the Establishment Jericho.

However, this should not discourage any organ of public opinion, any independent newspaper, from fighting this battle, the outcome of which will decide the future of Jewish community life in the Diaspora.



ARAB BROTHERHOOD – Faisal in Morocco welcomed by Interior Minister Oufkir who liquidated Ben Barka: The lamb and the knife are ready.

L'EXPRESS, PARIS

Letters To The Editor

Professional guards at the Synagogue

Dear Editor:

I take the liberty of writing about an incident which disturbed me at a synagogue during the High Holidays.

Outside the sanctuary door were two uniformed security guards who stopped people for tickets. Although there were a good number of empty seats, many people were turned away.

It was one thing in past years when a few members of the congreation stood at the door and explained that all seats were reserved, that if there were a few available seats at the time they would allow some without tickets to occupy these seats.

Now the situation is different when uniformed guards are hired for the express purpose of turning away those who do not have tickets.

It is strictly impersonal with them. Even if the synagogue were half empty, they would turn people away as this is their job.

It seems to me that by putting professional ticket takers at the door of the sanctuary, it is as though the synagogue were saying, if you can't affort the price of religion, don't bother us.

Perhaps the members did not consider it in this light when they decided to hire uniformed guards. But in these days, when it is becoming harder to get the young people to go to synagogue, I don't think the sight of uniformed guards at the door is any help.

R. Marcus

KEEP SMILING

GIRL TALK

Two jealous models were in a show room. One was extremely thin. the other, the buxom type.

Said the buxom one: Looking at you, one would think there was a famine."

"And to look at you," the thin one retorted, "one would think you were the cause of it."

TOO SOUND

After his demise, Max's relatives gathered for the reading of the will.

Read the lawyer, "Being of sound mind, I spent every last cent before I died."

SNAP OF THE FINGER

A wealthy Texan rancher felt ill. After an examination, his doctor said, "My advice to you is that you take a trip to France. A rest in that climate will do you a world of good."

"Why go there?" asked the Texan. "I'll just send for it."

SAMPLE

She: Look at me! My dress is so shabby that if anyone came to the door he'd think I was the cook.

He: Not if he stayed for dinner.

Newsanalysis

Feisal vs. Nasser: the new inter-Arab feud over power

By Patrick Seale

Mr. Seale is the correspondent of the London Observer in Beirut, Lebanon.

What is the present state of play in the great battle between "revolutionaires" and "conservatives" now splitting the Arab world? The first observation as one surveys the broad front is that the "conservatives" seem to hold the initative while the "revolutionaires" are driven on the defensive -- which does not mean that they have lost their power to lash out and deal swift and murderous blows at their opponents.

Leading the conservative camp, King Feisal of Saudi Arabia is a cool and tireless traveller. He has scoured the area from Pakistan to the Sudan. Following this month's visit to Turkey, he plans vists to Mali, Guinea, Tunisia as well as Morocco. He is carrying to the Islanic world the message that Saudi Arabia, custodian of the holy place of Islam, is coming to terms with the 20th century. At home he is charting a course of cautious social change and bold economic growth. He wants to reform Islam without destroying its moral basis. His declared enemies are Communism, fellow-travelling socialism and the false slogans of revolution to which half-baked Arab youth fall an easy prey. His undeclared enemy: Nasser of Egypt.

Feisal's immediate objective is to convene a great gathering in Mecca next April - on the occasion of the annual pilgrimage - of all Islamic leaders and heads of State, or at least as many as will come. To attend will be to demonstrate sympathy and like-mindedness. Feisal's strategy is in fact to seek to drown revolutionary Nasserism in an ocean of Pan-Islamism. He does not want to substitute Islam for Arab Nationalism. Rather he wants to show that his reformist brand of nationalism unlike Nasser's revolutionary variety, can exist with and draw strength from traditional Islamic values.

Feisal's chief non-Arab ally in this enterprise is the Shah of Iran, a monarch who shares with him a broad interest in containing Nasser and a specific pre-occupation with the security of Persian Gulf oil - their chief resource. This is an interest which Britain shares to the full.

Saudi Arabia bought a $300 million air defence system, and has got British pilots to fly the Lightnings until Saudis can be trained. Iran has just concluded a $115 million contract for British destroyers, fast patrol boats and ground-to-air missiles. She is particularly concerned to build up her ground air and sea defences in the Persian Gulf in anticipation of a British withdrawal in the early 1970s.

In the Arab world, Feisal's principal ally is King Hussein of Jordan whose two-year truce with Nasser is now ending. Hussein does not want an open breach with Cairo. He has established a remarkable 10-year record of stable prosperous growth. He does not want to be distracted. His reputation stands high. But these may in fact be good reasons why Cairo should wish to stir things up. Cairo radio has resumed its attacks on Hussein although it still falls short of the venom of three years ago, when it urged Jordanians to "tear the dwarf king to pieces and hang him on the gates of the British embassy."

These three monarchs - Feisal, the Shah and Hussein - form the hard core of the 'conservative" camp. Many other leaders have rallied to them. Somalia has openly declared itself. The Sudan is with them in heart if not in voice. King Hassan of Morocco is another strong sympathizer although he too would like to avoid an open breach with Cairo.

Pakistan, following the full of the leftwing Foreign Minister, Zulfikar Bhutto, is moving closer to Islanic camp - a movement accelerated by Iran's delivery to Pakistan this summer of large numbers of F.86 Sabre jets acquired second-hand from West Germany. Turkey would no doubt prefer to sit on the fence, unwilling to get embroiled in inter-Arab feuds, but her leaders have no love for Nasser's authoritarian solialist regime.

What of the "revolutionaires"? Egypt, wrestling with over-population and a grave foreign exchange shortage, struggles almost single-handed to keep alive the revolutionary flame. Syria, dangerously hot-headed and extremist, is more of an embarrassment than a potential ally. President Nasser fears the militant Syrians may drag him into war with Israel at a time not of his choosing. His prime objective must therefore be to regain a decisive influence over policymaking in Damascus. But how is this to be done when the young officers now running Syria see themselves as revolutionary pace-setters, rivals of Nasser rather than disciples?

Iraq, usually classified as "revolutionary," is in fact in the hands of politically-inexperienced officers - a weak transitional regime which is hard put to establish its authority at home. It can for the moment be of little use to either camp - conservative or revolutionary.

Nasser's chief assets are not therefore his State allies, but rather the power of his propaganda machine, the revolutionary impatience of Arab youth, and the network of clandestine "liberation movements" and showy shadow-cabinets which find a home - as well as arms, finance and radio backing - in Cairo.

The chief target of these groups is at present the Arabian Peninsula - Feisal's home base. They aim not only at Saudi Arabia itself but at the smaller States around its borders - the South Arabian Federation, the Hadhramaut, Oman and Muscat, Bahrain, etc. Terrorism and guerrilla action are increasingly replacing open and above board inter-State competition in Arab politics.

Jubilee of Jewish Legion

Fifty years since Jewish army was founded by Jabotinsky

By Paula Arnold

While the celebration of the Jubilee of the Gdud Ivri (The Jewish Legion) will only begin next May (so as to give overseas comrades a chance to take part in the Independence Day Parade in Israel, the idea of the Jewish Legion was born exactly 50 years ago, on September 20 1916, in an article in the "Jewish Tribune." The journal was edited jointly by Vladimir Jabotinsky and Meir Grossmann. A total of 23 issues appeared before funds gave out.

After the debacle of Gallipoli in 1915, in which Trumpeldor's Zion Mule Corps took part, he and Jabotinsky worked feverishly - and in the end successfully - for the establishment of a Jewish Legion within the British Forces, to fight on the side of the Allies on the Palestine front. It was composed mainly of men from the Zion Mule Corps; volunteers from America, trained in Canada; volunteers from England, who seem mostly to have been "tailors from Whitechapel," as a recent book puts it; and of Palestinian Jews in exile or from Turkish occupied Palestine. Among the members of the first group mentioned was sculptor Jacob Epstein, already well known then. Among the second were Gershon Agron, founder of the Jeruselem Post, Yitzhak Ben Zvi and David Ben Gurion

The Legion was assembled -without Trumpeldor, who was rejected because he had lost an arm in the Russo-Turkish war - in Egypt, and then fought on the Palestine front, where it took many prisoners in the Jordan valley. Among these were a large number of Jews. The Legion took Es-Salt and remained there for some time.

It seems that after the armistice, not only the Legion, but many other units stationed far from home, became "difficult" when their demands to be demobilised were ignored. Nearly a hundred Legionaires were tried in Egypt for insubordination and imprisoned.

Roman Freulich, in his book, refers repeatedly to instances of anti-Semitism by the Administration of the English Expeditionary Force, and his opinions are reinforced by the Irish Commander of the Legion Colonel Patterson, who in his book, "With the Judeans in the Palestine Campaign" (1922), has this to say about the troubles in Jerusalem in 1920.

The whole history of his atrocious outrage is a foul stain on our fair name... Jabotinsky was cast into prison garb, had his hair cropped, and was marched in company with two Arabs convicted of rape, through Jerusalem and Kantara, places where he was well known as a British officer. Even the worst Hun that we have read of could hardly have exceeded the savagery and tyranny shown by the military authorities of the E.E.F. towards Jabotinsky, an officer who fought stoutly for us and helped England and her cause in every way to the full extent of his power during the war."

The book itself is a collection of anecdotes rather than a historical account. Some of these are amusing, some rather shaming. The best stories are those told by the late president Yitzhag Ben Zvi, showing him in a most attractive light.

Jabotinsky's dismissal from the Legion, after an act of insubordination (writing a letter to Allenby accusing him of anti-Semitism) also had rather a moving feature.

In his farewell to the soldiers, he said:

"Far away, in your home, you will one day read glorious news, of a free Jewish life in a free Jewish country - of factories and universities, of farms and theatres, perhaps of Members of Parliament and Ministers. Then you will lose yourself in thought, and the newspaper will slip from your fingers; and there will come to your mind a picture of the Jordan Valley, and the Desert of Rafa, of the Hills of Efraim, and of Adu-Ein. Then you shall stand up, walk to the mirror, and look yourself proudly in the face. Jump to attention and salute yourself - for it is you who have made it."

Report From Stockholm

SCANDINAVIAN JEWRY BATTLES ASSIMILATION

by William Frankel

About half of Sweden's 15,000 Jews live in Stockholm; and nearly all belong to the official Jewish community (Mosaiska Forsamlingen). This body is governed by a Board of Deputies of 25 members elected by all the subscribers on a party basis.

In recent years, the party in power was the Union Party, which includes the more traditional religious elements together with the Zionists. At the election last spring, however, there was a split in the Union Party, with the result that the Liberals won a majority and their nominee became the new president of the community.

The community maintains the Great Synagogue, a fine century-old building seating over 800 worshippers, and there are also two small Orthodox synagogues, the Adath Yisroel and Adath Yeshurun, which are said to have about 300 members together. They recently appointed Rabbi Edelman, the young and amiable son of Dr. R. Edelman, librarian of the Hebrew section of the Royal Library in Copenhagen.

The Great Synagogue, where the ritual would be regarded as Reform in this country, had as its leader chief Rabbi Kurt Wilhelm, who died suddenly in May last year.

It is not easy to find rabbis for the Scandinavian countries, both because of the language problem and because there are few good rabbis available anywhere. To succeed Dr. Wilhelm, the Union Party, which was in power at the time, sought a rabbi who was a member of the Conservative movement rather than Reform, and appointed a young American graudate of the Theological Seminary, Rabbi Morton Narrowe.

Both young rabbis in Stockholm get on very well together, a situtation which provides a very happy basis for the further development of Jewish ecumenism there.

The community provides religion classes for about 600 pupils. The figure is high because the State insists on religious instruction as part of compulsory education for registered members of communities.

They spend only an hour or two a week at the classes, and the teachers themselves are very conscious of the limitations imposed by such a brief period of instruction. But many children attend the summer camps, where an intensive educational programme is part of the activities.

Education has also become embroiled in the conflict - ideological more than personal - between the "Vikings," the old Swedish Liberal families who tended to be anti-Zionist and assimilationist, and the Union group, who regard themselves as the more committed Jews.

At present, the argument centres on the Jewish centre and day school which the Union group founded and the Liberals opposed. But now that these institutions are established, it is highly unlikely that the clock will be put back, even though there is a Liberal majority.

In any case, the points at issue between the two groups are academic and anachronistic. The Zionist issue is unreal. Neither group is emigrating to Israel and both are anxious to assist the Jewish State in every possible way.

The centre and school, though historically a source of conflict, are, in fact, accepted by both parties. There is some social and personal division and the two groups do not really mix. But, from all the available information, neither is immune from the erosion of intermarriage.

Swedish Jewry is not dying. New institutions have been created and there are other signs of regeneration. Moreover, the tolerant attitude towards Jews who have married out of the faith and to their children if they wish to be regarded as Jews has, in many cases, brought new strength to the community.

It is losing some people by emigration, death and voluntary withdrawal, but is more than making up the numbers with natural increase and new acquisitions. Swedish Jews have developed to a high degree the art of not asking too many questions about antecedents when a child with one Jewish parent wants to identify with the community.

Today, it is predominantly the middleaged or elderly who are the active members of the community. Youth is not attracted, because it seems rather odd to young people to be religious in Sweden. There is no conventional religiosity as there is here in Britain, and "rebellious" young people reject the same things as everyone else rejects. Yet the Jewish Students' Society in Stockholm has 200 members, while its equivalent in the established Church has fewer than 100 members.

Gunnar Josephson, who is in his eighties, is the grand old man of Swedish Jewry, and he looks very much the "Viking". He took me to visit one of the Homes for the Aged in Stockholm.

Mr. Josephson's family settled in Sweden in 1780, and his Jewish background is scanty. In fact, he was already 40 when he attended his first Seder. But, he told me, "The Jewish community has been the greatest thing in my life."

It is an apparent paradox that Mr. Josephson, like many Liberals, is non-religious, yet is so staunch in his attachment to the community. Another example is the number of Liberals who do not attend synagogue, yet turn out to vote in the communal elections.

Most of Denmark's 6,000 Jews live in Copenhagen. They can opt out of joining the official community if they wish, but very few have chosen to do so.

There has been very little recent immigration, and nearly three-quarters of the whole community are Danish-born. As a result there are no social divisions, but there is a deep religious cleavage. A minority of perhaps 100 families have formed their own, Orthodox, Machsike Hadass Synagogue, while at the same time also being members of the general community.

As I indicated in an earlier article, this strict minority has, quite legitimately, been trying to ensure that the general community adopts its own standards, and this had led to a clash with the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Marcus Melchior, and his English-trained son and assistant, Rabbi Bent Melchior.

The resulting strains, are bound to continue, since Dr. Melchior is very near retiring age, and questions of succession will dominate everything else.

The Jewish primary school in Copenhagen was founded in 1805 and is a pioneer of its kind. There are now 150 pupils and 50 in the kindergarten. The community is in the happy position of having a complete register of all the children because, as a Jewish birth is registered, the office of the Jewish community is informed.

There is a parallel with Anglo-Jewry, because the school was originally founded in order to make Jews into good Danes, but today the emphasis is on deepening Jewish consciousness, in an effort to counter assimilation. However, this threat seemed to me to be less acute in Copenhagen than elsewhere in Scandinavia. My impression was of a positively Jewish community and, if this opinion is not easy to test, I can only call in aid the fact that some 400 members of the community are present at every Sabath service.

An unexpected Jewish attraction in what is in all other respects also, a delightful and attractive city, is the Judaica section of the Royal Library in Copenhagen.

The library is idyllically housed in an elegant building set in a colourful garden, and is particularly notable for its Jewish department, which is directed by Dr. R. Edelman, a distinguished scholar.

To the library's acquisition of a fine collection of Judaica belonging to a former Copenhagen Chief Rabbi, Dr. Simonsen, has been added the Goldschmidt Library, which included about 60 incunabula and hundreds of manuscripts.

I saw a beautiful fourteenth century Maimonides manuscript and a charmingly illustrated fourteenth century manuscript of the Grace After Meals, which I was happy to be told is being reproduced in facsimile.

That visit alone would be sufficient to justify any bibliophile in wanting to go to Copenhagen - and what Jew does not like books?

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Sermon of the week

SOURCES OF JOY

Enjoying life is the constant preoccupation of us all and the Festival of Tabernacles, designated the "season of our rejoicing", ought to prove only too easy to observe. Instead it presents a dilemma. How to enjoy ourselves we know full well, but how do we fulfil the positive command "to rejoice before the Lord"?

That the act of rejoicing can in some way be consecrated is an idea foreign to modern man. The pressures of everyday life are so severe, the pace so hectic, that whatever spare time becomes available is immediately filled with the pursuit of pleasure. To escape from the world of routine chores and personal worries, we pamper ourselves with palliatives, stimulants and the variety of entertainments which abound for our temporary gratification. Enjoyment in our society is synonymous with self-indulgence.

A different concept of the art of "rejoicing" is required for the celebration of a festival. Our whole being must be involved. We have to include the spiritual side of our nature, not ignore or corrupt it. The days of Yom Tov afford the opportunity to experience that joy of soul and uplift of heart which transform mundane merry-making into a genuine state of elation.

The word "Simcha" conjures up a happy picture in the mind of every Jew: good food, good wine, congenial company. But in relation to the current festival "Simcha" has a higher meaning; it is the glorious exultation of man before his Maker.

The prime joy aroused on Succoth is the regained appreciation of the beauty of the universe. Leaving behind the sophistication and luxurious trappings of the man-made world, the Jewish family enters the prefabricated Succa, looks up at the green foliage, at the colourful fruits of mother earth, at the just visible stars, and feels again the joy of being part of creation.

The joy born of dependence on, and trust in, Divine Providence is also aroused by dwelling for a week in the Succa. The evil results of the prevailing materialism is that man is possessed with his possessions. Within the flimsy fabric of a Succa devoid of any signs of wealth, a proper sense of values reinstates itself. Mindful of the temporary nature of our tenure, we can with gratitude acknowledge the source whence prosperity springs.

Religion is too often associated with gloom, criticised for being a kill-joy. The genius of Judaism demands that the Day of Atonement be followed by the Feast of Tabernacles. For if introspection and contrition on a fast day bring one closer to God, then that reward too must come in full measure to those whose hearts are full of joyous thanksgiving for the blessings of this world.

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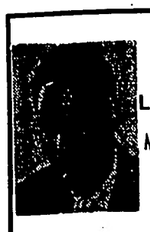

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Toronto women's news

OPENING MEET

The opening meeting of the Hebrew Weston Sanitarium Service Club was held recently at the home of Mrs. Seymour Sukerman. It was chaired by Mrs. Sydney Winkler, president. Plans were formulated for the annual tea which will be held on October 30th at the home of Mrs. Eli Herman. Conveners of the tea are Mesdames Israel Edell, Joseph Doran and Harry Rubinoff.

SEASON'S FIRST

The first meeting of the season of B'nai B'rith Women, Toronto chapter 434, was held recently at the Noshery Penthouse. Mrs. M. Caplan presided.

Head table guests included: Mrs. M. Caplan, president; Mrs. J. Aiken, vice president; Mrs. B. Shooman, recording secretary; Mrs. Myer Corwitz, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ada Lewis, counselor; Mesdames Gordon Mendly, S.B. Stork, I. Ray, M. Sporn. Mrs. Caplan reported on the B.B. convention held in June. Toronto Chapter received an award for highest education in Toronto.

Plans were made for the tea to be held on Sun., Oct. 30, at the home of Mrs. M. Jessel. Mrs. Ada Lewis is convener.

Mrs. Gordon Mendly introduced Mrs. Naomi Bell who sang to her own accompaniment.

Refreshments were arranged by Mrs. Jos. Aiken.

Engagement

Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph Vilenski of Hamilton announce with pleasure the engagement of their second daughter, Gita Elizabeth, granddaughter of Rabbi Elijah Lopian, of Kfar Hasidim, Israel, to Daniel Henri Ladenheim, son of Mrs. Yetta and the late Yehuda Ladenheim of Israel, (formerly of France). Miss Vilenski, a LL.M. of Yale, is presently studying for her doctorate in International Law. Her fiance, a M.Sc. of Manchester University, is at present directing the establishment of the new department in engineering in the Vocational Institute, Shafir, Israel.

BOARD MEET

Beth Jacob Synagogue Sisterhood (Rabbi M.J. Burak, spiritual leader) held a board meeting recently at the new synagogue on Overbrook Place. Attending were Mesdames F. Goldman, M. Kates, E. Bargman, L. Waxman, A. Mishevski, M. Greenberg, J. Goldman, N. Schwartz, M.J. Burak, H. Vogel, M. Weinles, J. Berlin, H. Rubinoff. Mrs. N. Schwartz, president, presided.

The forthcoming tea was discussed. Convener is Mrs. Harry Goldman, assisted by Mrs. I. Cass. It will be held at the home of Mrs. Jean Rotenberg on Oct. 23.

A general meeting will take place on Mon., Oct. 3, 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Rabbi Burak will discuss the etrog. A discussion will take place on, What Sisterhood Means to Me, with Mesdames J. Goldman, C. Lax, M. Rubinoff participating; Mrs. S. Burack will chair the session. The meeting will be presided over by the president, Mrs. N. Schwartz.

HADASSAH DAY

Hadassah Day will be Wed., Sept. 28. It is an all-day affair with activities at the Zionist Building. Guest speaker during the morning session will be Lily Frank, director of public relations of World Wizo.

In the afternoon an Israeli fashion show will be presented.

Individual workshops will be held. Participants include Mesdames B. Mayer, M. Kaufman, M. Moranis, H. Hertzman, H. Fink, B. Walker, W. Posluns, I. Beckerman.

Recipe Of The Week

WILD RICE AND MUSHROOM STUFFING

2 cups wild rice
Dash of pepper
3 teaspoons chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup sliced mushrooms
1/4 cup cooking fat or salad oil.

Wash rice and cover with salted water. Bring to boil and cook until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain. Brown onion and mushrooms in hot fat. Mix with rice, salt, and pepper. Makes enough for 4 to 5 pound fowl.

Wild rice and chestnut stuffing: Omit mushrooms. Boil, peel and chop 1/2 pound chestnuts. Mix with other ingredients.

CHOSEN QUEEN — Roberta Louise Ruben of Toronto, who was selected Queen of the S.S. Sholom on a recent New York to Haifa sailing.

On the same voyage were Mr. and Mrs. John R. Devor and family, also of Toronto, who will live in Jerusalem for a year.

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SMALL TALK

BY RUTHIE

Say what you want but I like to talk. Just talk, glatt in der velt (just in the world). Half the time I don't say anything worthwile. But how can anybody sit quiet when the whole world is so alive?

Ned says it's the quiet person who gets attention; when he talks, everybody listens.

And I say, the world likes stories. And if you can talk on without giving away any secrets, then you are smart.

"I dunno," my spouse pursues the topic, "when I courted you, you never spoke two words. You looked as if you couldn't even count."

"So," I'm quick with the comeback, "how and I talk much when you monopolized every minute, when you swept me off my feet?"

"Did I do that?" amazed.

"You sure did. Boy, you didn't even wait for my 'yes' when you proposed. All I could do was grab the ring when you held it out. After one look at that diamond, I wouldn't give you the chance to change your mind."

"So now you're making up for lost time."

Sometimes it's good to let husbands have the last word.

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Tahka (really), how can anybody sit still a second without any kind of conversation? Communicating with people can be so interesting.

Like the other day when I took a cab downtown. I could have sat back and watched the scenery. But the driver looked so friendly and he was munching a chocolate bar. And the rain was coming town in buckets.

There was my opening--the rain. And it led to other things. I found out he has a set of twins eight years old and a three-year-old, all boys. How his wife keeps up with them he doesn't know. He'd love to buy a house but he had an operation which depleted his savings. He's very stubborn willed and refuses to borrow from relatives.

Nu, I like to talk about such things. It's human. It makes you feel you're not the only one with problems. And who knows? By talking yourself out, you maybe feel better.

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Maybe I do talk for fire and water. But I know people who can sit a whole evening in a room and not say one word.

If you try to draw them out, you get a "yes" or a final. So that's good company?

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Even out shopping you can strike up an interesting conversation.

Just the other day, at a check-out counter, a lady asked me asked,

"Are you a Canadian?"

"Why?"

"Your accent intrigues me. I can listen to you speak for hours."

Here I've been trying to get rid of my way of talking and now I'm told I'm intriguing. Thinking about it still gives me a lift.

So isn't it nice to strike up casual conversation? Something good usually comes out of it.

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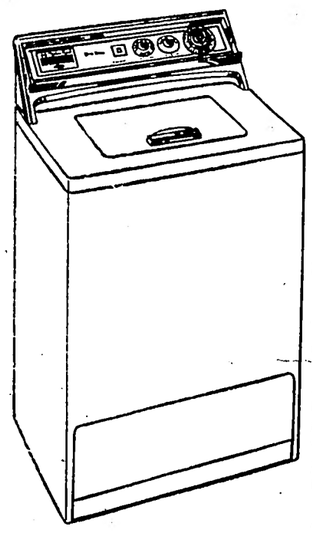

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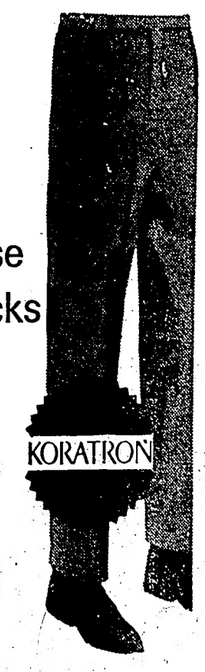

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In Soviet Riga

AUTOGRAPHS CREATE ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS

New York (JCNS) - Antisemitic acts on the part of the police in Riga, Latvia, following a recital by the Israeli folksinger, Geulah Gil, on. July 11 are alleged in a report issued by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry.

The account was brought out by a witness of the events whose name was withheld. The conference is the ad hoc body of all the major national Jewish organizations formed to deal with the problem of Soviet Jewry.

Miss Gil's recital in Riga was part of her tour of the Soviet Union. As soon as it was over members of the audience, most of them Jews, gathered at the stage door to obtain her autograph, the witness said.

Policemen and other security officers, however, moved in to prevent any contact between the singer and the crowd. One of the alleged antisemitic incidents involved a 15-year-old girl, Naomi Garber, who, it was said, protested against what she considered to be an antisemitic remark by a police major named Beskhlebnikov. The major, who said that she had slapped his face, had her arrested.

Also arrested was Maksim Kushlin, 23, another Jew, who was said to have assaulted a police lieutenant and a detective.

The witness to the affair also reported that later that night a Mrs. A. Roth, a 45-year-old Jewess, was arrested on a charge of having incited a riot against police and with having led a group to the police station to demand the release of Naomi Garber.

Several days later, the account went on, Mordechai Blum, an engineer, was arrested in his home, charged with attempting to free Miss Garber by force after she had been taken into custody. He was accused of hitting a police officer and knocking off his cap.

It was reported that police questioned witnesses to gather evidence to support the arrests, but refused to accept testimony from Jews in the crowd.

One of the witnesses, according to the account, was a woman named Gritsenko, a teacher at the school that Miss Garber attends. She is said to have told the police that she had found a diary in Miss Garber's room, which contained excerpts from books describing the sufferings of the Jewish people.

According to the account, the teacher complained to the police that "this behaviour apparently was not punished by the girl's parents, who seemed to think that this was perfectly all right."

Policemen who appeared as witnesses against Mrs. Roth declared that she had called them antisemites and "Gestapo." They reported that she said it was impossible to live in a hostile atmosphere and that she would like to leave the Soviet Union.

Miss Garber, it was reported, was released because, as a minor, she was not considered responsible before the law. The others were said to have been remanded for trial on August 31 There have been no reports of the proceedings.

In a separate action, the Appeal of Conscience Foundation took a large advertisement in the "New York Times" just before Rosh Hashana to tell the Jews of the Soviet Union: "You are not forsaken."

The advertisement, which was signed by some 500 people, listed the disabilities under which Soviet Jews live and called for their amelioration. Among the signatories were Senators and Congressmen, Governors, writers, actors and Christian clergymen of all denominations.

Geulah Gill will appear in November in Toronto's Penny Farthing

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The reserved seat engagement of Joseph E. Levine's presentation of Romeo and Juliet at the Twentieth Century Glendale Theatre in Toronto starts October 6th.

Toronto After Dark
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N.Y.C. BALLET COMING

The New York City Ballet follows Edna Ferber's Show Boat at the O'Keefe Center, Monday, October 24th, through Saturday, October 29th. Principal dancers include Suzanne Farrell, Melissa Hayden, Patricia McBride, Mimi Paul, Violette Verdy, Jacques d'Amboise, Anthony Blum, Conrad Ludlow. General director is Lincoln Kirstein; ballet masters, George Balanchine and John Taras; principal conductor, Robert Irving, Associate conductor, Hugo Fiorato; costumes by Karinska. Program includes Bugaku, Pas de Deux, Agon, Brahms-Schoenberg Quartet, Swan Lake, Prodigal Son, Stars and Stripes, Afternoon of a Faun, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

HELD OVER

Neil Simon's comedy, The Odd Couple, starring George Gobel and Phil Foster, is being held over for two more weeks at the Royal Alexandra Theater, till October 22nd.

The Odd Couple is one of the few Broadway hits boasting of four companies playing simultaneously on the continent. In addition to the national company, starring Messrs. Gobel and Foster, now at the Royal Alex, the others are: the Broadway company now in its second year, starring Pat Hingle and Eddie Bracken; the Chicago company, headed by Dan Dailey and Elliot Reed; the Bus and Truck company, touring the smaller cities, starring Harvey Stone and Lyle Talbot.

Jack Klugman heads the London company now touring the British provinces prior to a West End opening.

FORTY-FIFTH SEASON

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of the gifted young conductor, Seiji Ozawa, begins its 45th season with fifteen Tuesday and Wednesday evening concerts. Guest artists include: Ashkenazy; Rostropovich; Bachauer; Marshall; Kubelik; Browning; Grist; Peinemann; Watts; Kempff; Francescatti; Kletzki; Du Pre; Fleisher.

There will be four children's matinee concerts: December 17th; January 7th; February 25th; March 25th; all Saturdays.

PRESENTATION

Premier Players will present its first production for the season, Moss Hart's Light Up the Sky, at the Poor Alex, beginning tonight, Wednesday, September 28th. It will be presented for two weeks.

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Ottawa highlights

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RECEIVED PLAQUE

Benjamin Feinstein was honored with a plaque by the B'nai Jacob Congregation for his services to the synagogue and to charitable organizations. M.A. Appel made the presentation.

TESTIMONIAL

Louis Steinberg, a founder of Machzikei Adas Congregation, received a public testimonial by members of the synagogue for his many years of service.

FRANCE-ISRAEL FASHION SHOW

A France-Israel fashion show took place on Tuesday, September 27th, in the Chateau Laurier. Mrs. Michael Comay, wife of Israel's representative to the UN, was commentator. Mrs. Max Zelikovitz, chairman, announced that Hubert de Givenchy was featured French designer. Door prize is a trip to Israel.

GUESTS OF HONOR

His Excellency, Gershon Avner, Ambassador of Israel, and Mrs. Avner will be guests of honor at the Ambassador's Ball at the Ottawa Jewish Community Center on October 29th. Chairman is Mrs. M. Ralph Berke, assisted by Mrs. Harry Shinder and Mrs. Morton Taller. Mrs. Samuel

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ARAB WANTS JOURNALIST EXPELLED

Santiago, (JCNS) - The Jordan Ambassador to Chile has requested the Ministry of the Interior to expel a fellow Arab, Fouad Habash Ansara, for insulting him.

Amsara, a journalist, has been in Chile for seven years as the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

HUMAN RELATIONS

Stubborn Husband

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QUESTION: Through the years, I have been insulted by my husband in the presence of his family and friends. He has given me no moral support.

He is quite stubborn and sees things only one way- his way. I have told him how I feel, and his answer is, "I won't change." I refuse to take this any longer, and so, I answer him back.

My children, ages 9, 14, and 18, do not approve of his mannerisms. They confide in me only. They say, "We can't speak to him. He doesn't understand."

ANSWER: You will not change his ways by behaving the way your husband does. By so doing you only say to him that his way is a good way, since you pay him the compliment of imitation.

Couples who degrade and insult each other in public are practicing a form of exhibitionism. Consciously or unconsciously, it is a source of deep-seated pleasure to them. By misbehaving, they become the center of attention. Having everybody's eyes and ears directed toward them gives them a sense of power. Manipulating people this way is never a solo performance. Both of the pair put on the show, although only one may play the star role at any one time.

Fighting in public is usually a forerunner of private love-making. But there can come a time when the pain of public humiliation becomes greater than the private pleasure. It is then that the one accosted most of the time begins to object. By that time, however, the pattern is usually so deeply set that it takes more than a command or a threat to bring about a change.

The attitude of the children to their father is apparently also not a recently created one. Your husband may well feel that the alignment of his family which you have created against him and the disrespectful way in which you all treat him more than justifies his reaction.

A boy who is his mother's confidant in talk against the father, cannot help but feel that he is the man in her life. He is given a sense of power by the feeling that he has outstripped his father. He cannot easily give this up, any more than he can give up his mother thereafter for another woman.

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The girl in whom a mother confides about the alleged misbehavior of her father, may see all men as undependable and not to be trusted. The disloyalty that is bred by the alignment of children with one parent against the other can make for all kinds of disloyalties in the lives of three children, when they are grown-up.

The one who has the strength to take positive action to bring about a change, is usually the one who feels and is also the stronger of the two.

Since you are the one who sees the problem most poignantly and wants help with it, you are in the best position to benefit from psychological help. You would also set an example that your husband might follow in time. When your children see both you and their father benefiting from counseling, they will become in time the "silent partners" in the family improvement enterprise.

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Mr. Hirschmann is perhaps the only Jew who has personally negotiated with Colonel Nasser of Egypt on behalf of the U.S. State Department. He has completed more than a dozen survey trips to Israel in recent years. A former United States envoy in Turkey, Mr. Hirschmann has frequently been designated by his country, and the United Nations, to undertake confidential missions to all the countries surrounding Israel - Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the Gaza Strip.

A pioneer in radio and television, Mr. Hirschmann is President of Television Systems of America, Inc. He is the author of "Life Line to a Promised Land", and "Caution to the Winds".

Sapir in the U.S. for important talks with American leaders

NEW YORK, N.Y.T. Israel's Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir arrived here for a whirlwind two-week visit to the U.S. His crowded agenda will range from talks with Washington officials in connection with food surpluses to meetings with Jewish leaders from coast to coast.

Mr. Sapir will also take part in the meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and meet with leaders of the United Jewish Appeal, Israel Bonds, and Capital for Israel.

Mr. Sapir told the press he saw no reason why the U.S. would not renew its food surplus agreement with Israel for 1967.

Altogether, he will visit eight cities during his stay in the U.S. Mr. Sapir said he will also explore the possibilities of Mr. Eshkol's suggestion that Jewish investors from North and South America be convened in Israel at the beginning of next year, with the aim of interesting them in establishing new enterprises. particularly in development areas.

Israel to support african bloc

Jerusalem (JCNS) - Israel's delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations will support the demands of the African block of nations on the Rhodesian issue as well as their line on apartheid and the future of South-West Africa.

The Cabinet on Sunday accepted a policy proposed to this effect from the Foreign Minister, Mr. Abba Eban.

It also decided that the Israeli delegation will join the Scandinavian countries in asking for an immediate cease-fire in Vietnam and unconditional negotiations.

Dutch firm treats employees to vacation in the Holy Land

AMSTERDAM

A very original "outing" is being offered by Messrs. Avraham and Coenraad Coster, Jewish textile merchants of Rotterdam, to the members of their staff and their wives, a total of about 250 persons. Next February, they will all visit Israel, in two groups, for eight days, at the expense of the firm.

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The Costers, who, after the war started again from scratch, first began their trips for the members of their staff ten years ago, with a one-day trip to Brussels. In the course of time these staff excursions have become more ambitious.

In the itinerary of the Israel excursion the Coster brothers write: "Your views regarding the problems of the Second World War will be broadened and deepened by your own observation and the information given. You will also come to admire what has been achieved in Israel."

ISRAELI STATESMAN AND CANADIAN FRIEND – Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Minister of Finances who arrived in New York, with Montreal Zionist Leader Ben Milner.

BRITISH JEWS OPEN HOMES TO GERMAN YOUTH

London (JCNS) - Seventeen families, all members of the South-West Essex Reform Synagogue, Ilford, will give hospitality to Christian-German youths in their homes for a fortnight from next week.

The group, from West Berlin's Evangelische Weinachtskirche, will come to England under the auspices of the youth section of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and as guests of the South-West Essex Reform Synagogue.

There will be 16 youngsteres, accompanied by a youth leader and by Pastor Dieter Schoeneich and his wife.

The group, which will arrive in London on September 29, will take part in public meetings on German-Jewish relations and will attend lectures and seminars.

Traveler's Column

QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Question: I am planning a trip to the Soviet Union and I hope to spend the Sabbath in my native city of Kiev. Is there a synagogue in this Ukrainian capital?

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Question: Can you tell us which French liners sponsor winter cruises to the Caribbean?

Reply: The S.S. Antilles and the S.S. Flandre have scheduled winter cruises to Nassau and other Caribbean centers.

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Question: I am leaving soon for Spain on the Canadian Pacific Airlines. From there I shall go via Iberia Airlines to Palma Majorca. A. Can I obtain kosher food on the flight? B. What Jewish address is there in Palma?

Reply: A. Yes. Any international airline provides kosher food upon request. Your travel agent gladly will make the arrangement.

B. The only Jewish address in Palma known to us is the office of the Israeli shipping line, Zim. Their agent is located at Paseo Generalissimo Franco 39; telephone---25940. He can advise you further.

Question: I'm arranging to fly to Nice soon via Air France. Are there facilities for worshipping?

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the lively arts

THEATRE ◆ MUSIC ◆ FILM

by D. Cohn

● Israeli film producers must seek themes of wide popular appeal if they are to earn any sort of success, Alfred Hitchcock stated on arriving at Lydda Airport for a week's visit to Israel.

Making films, he said, is expensive business and no director has the right to indulge his own whims in the choice of subjects.

● Lauren Bacall will take a week's vacation from The Cactus Flower, starting October 17th. Betsy Palmer will substitute.

● Sidney Lanier is associate producer of two impending shows to be presented by Alexander H. Cohen: Peter Shaffer's Black Comedy and the importation of the new Donald Swann-Michael Flanders revue, At the Drop of Another Hat.

● Fiddler of the Roof, the musical based on Sholom Aleichem's Yiddish stories, and which comes to Toronto's O'Keefe Center the beginning of next month, now has started its third year. The show also is popular in Finland. Engagements are scheduled to begin in December in Amsterdam, Copenhagen and Gotenborg; January, in Paris; February, in London; March, in Melbourne; spring in Oslo; next September, in West Berlin; a year from this November, in Tokyo. First foreign performance was in Israel. A Hebrew version played for fifteen months; now it is being performed in Yiddish. The Israeli company will perform Fiddler in Warsaw, Paris and Zurich.

In celebration of the second birthday in New York, Harold S. Prince, producer, sent backstage a cake two-and-a-half feet wide and four feet long.

Said Herschel Bernardi who has the star role in New York: "This is not a show anymore. People are coming to it as they would to a celebration---like a wedding or a bar mitzvah."

Bernardi did not perform on Erev Yom Kippur and Yom Kippur. Henry Goz substituted for him.

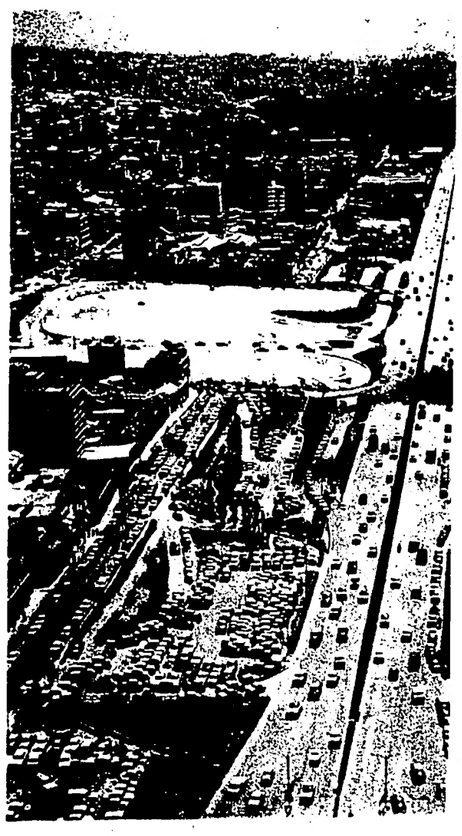
Luther Adler will perform in Toronto with the travelling company.

● Some of the takes of the film, Up the Down Staircase, were taken in a New York high school in ninety-degree weather and the cast had to wear winter clothing. But the kids in the film felt lucky; they were the few chosen to make $12-27 a day as extras, or upwards of $350 a week as actors, instead of pushing hand trucks in the garment district or loafing about corners like many of their schoolmates during a New York summer.

One boy reports that when he went home and told his mother he was going to make $137 a week, she said, "That's nice, $37 a week, you'll have a nice summer".

The kids in the film take direction easily for they are so much like the characters they play that too much direction might affect their naturalness. Bel Kaufman (Sholom Aleichem's granddaughter), who serves as technical adviser on the picture, says, "The minute I saw them, I recognized them as the kids in my book."

● Canadian star Maureen Forrester, world famous contralto, makes her U.S. debut with the New York City Opera at Lincoln Center this week, singing Cornelia in Handel's Julius Caesar, at the age of 36. She has adopted Judaism after having married Toronto violinist-conductor Eugene Kash, and is active in the Reform Temple. She is the mother of five children, ages two to ten.



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LIFE SENTENCE FOR AUSCHWITZ MAN

Frankfurt, (JCNS) - Three former members of the S.S. camp staff received goal sentences in Frankfurt last week at the end of the second Auschwitz trial which opened in December.

Josef Erber, 68, who was in charge of the "reception department" at Auschwitz concentration camp, where four million prisoners are estimated to have died during the Second World War, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of 70 inmates.

Former Major Wilhelm Burger, 63, a camp administrator responsible for gas supplies between 1942 and 1943 was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment on charges of complicity in mass murder.

Gerhard Neubert, 57, a former medical orderly, was goaled for 3-1/2 years for aiding in the murder of 35 prisoners.

Burger, who pleaded with tears in his eyes for a "just sentence", was freed by the court because the eight years he had served in a Polish prison were deducted from his sentence. He was goaled by the Warsaw court in 1953.

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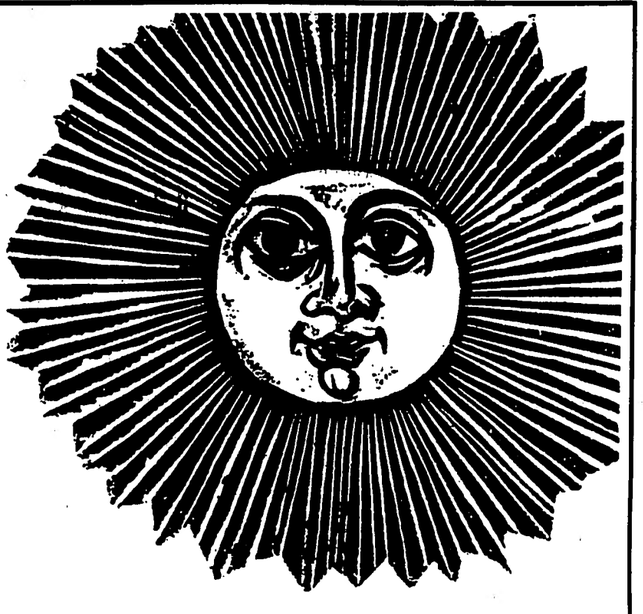

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Ottawa Highlights

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Taller is ticket convener; Mesdames Harold Pearl and Joseph Shmelzer, reservations conveners. Mrs. Paul Weiner is responsible for general arrangements.

ARRANGE TEA

Mrs. Sidney Lithwick, Mrs. Sam Hock and Mrs. Irving Greenberg are in charge of arrangements for a tea welcoming newcomers to the city.

DEDICATION

Dedication of a new sanctuary, of Agudath Israel services of which were conducted by Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg, took place recently. His Excellency the Governor General and Mrs. Georges Vanier, the Ambassador of Israel and Mrs. Gershon Avner, leaders of the Ottawa community and members of the synagogue were present. Mr. Justice Abraham H. Lieff of the Supreme Court of Ontario delivered the dedication address. Mervin Mirsky, president of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir, and Cantor Aptowitzer took part.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Edward B. Rosenthal, formerly of New York and Brockton, Mass., is the new program director of the Jewish Community Center.

CONGRESS

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publicity department of the Congress go in this campaign against opposition within the Jewish community? And is B'nai B'rith, for whom the public relations department also speaks, ready to take responsibility for all this ridiculous and, to a certain degree, dangerous publicity?

THE HIGH HOLIDAYS IN WEST GERMANY – For the first time since World War II Jews gathered outside the main synagogue in Frankfurt Main – Picture was taken during Yom Kippur service intermission.

A Short, Short story

A SUIT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By Jacob Gewirtz

The Jewish housewife is probably the world's most discriminating shopper. My mother certainly had no equal when it came to purchasing the household requirements. Buying was, for her, an art rather than a chore. Before the age of market research, consumers' councils and "Which?" she could reel off the relative merits and deficiencies of the countless shops on New Yorks' Lower East Side, where we lived. She was the comparative shopper par excellence.

Only, the ratings she awarded were not the euphemistic "fair", "poor" or "not satisfactory". To her the purveyors of shoddy merchandise were ganovim (thieves), gazlonim (robbers) and shvindlers (charlatans). The worst epithet she reserved for the greengrocer, who lined the bottom of the bag with rotten tomatoes and bananas. He was a retzayach (murderer).

For the most part the merchants were reasonably honest, but there was the occasional bandit, who weighed his thumb in together with your sugar or included your street number in the tabulation of the account.

Most of the business was done under the open sky. You could buy almost anything from the pushcarts that hugged the kerb under our livingroom window in a never-ending line: live carp, pike and whitefish, on Fridays; dead herrring the rest of the week; items of personal intimacy, like dentures (used, no less) and spectacles, corsets and trusses, cures for a hundred-and-one diseases, real or imaginary - rheumatism, lumbago and sciatica seemed to be the most prevalent.

The pedlers usually stuck to the same line week after week and many came to resemble physically the products they sold. Getzel, the tomato man, sported a bulbous red nose that was hardly distinguishable from the scarlet fruit he so carefully polished, and the Adam's apple of Nathan, the poulterer, jutted out in the best turkey tradition.

But one of the regulars had a streak of adventure in him. Every week it was something different. Ladies' hats a decade out of date one week, leaky hot-water bottles the next. I never ceased to be amazed by his remarkable versatility.

He had a method, too, of dispensing his own rewards and punishments, depending on whether or not you bought. A purchaser departed with "a leben off dir" (bless you), while one who spurned his wares took home with him an imprecation that reached into the grave, to strike at an unfortunate ancestor. "a riach in dein taten" (the devil take your father) or "in dein taten's elsten zuhn" (your father's eldest son), which was you. This idiosyncracy earned for him the nickname Balaam, after the bilious prophet hired to cure the Israelites.

One morning his pushcart was choked with customers. I hastened to see his week's metzieh. Piled up in an enormous heap were what seemed, to my untrained eye to be a million socks. Feivel "Pickles", whose wit was as caustic as his brine, enjoying the spectacle from behind the barricade of sauerkraut barrels, called out to each passer-by: "Nu, what do you think of Balaam? He's cornered the sock market."

But despite the frenzy of activity on Balaam's stall as the predatory horde rummaged through the pile in the impossible hope of finding a pair that matched, hardly any money changed hands. "So what do you want, a perfect twin"? The poor man's Macy's would taunt his fastidious shoppers; or "What? They don't match? Your feet should only match like my socks."

To a hesitant customer he offered the sage advice: "So they're not the same colour? Who'll know the difference? Lower your hoisen (trousers) a little."

But this sort of barter was child's play compared with the give-and-take involved in buying a suit. In those days and in that society, one only bought a suit for some special occasion like a wedding or a barmitzvah - or for the Festivals. I used to wonder what the tailor did the rest of the year. I now realise that the poor fellow probably needed half a year to recover after Pesach and another six months after Rosh Hashana.

My first pair of long trousers was an unforgettable experience. I was privileged to receive them at eleven. Most boys got theirs at their barmitzvah. Naturally, it was my mother who accompanied me. Unlike present-day American men, my father never did any shopping himself. He was too busy selling to others.

He didn't even buy his own shoes. My mother would take along an old pair and measure them against new ones in the shop. From the matter of fact way that the salesman handled the transaction I took it that my father's aversion to shopping was not unknown among his generation.

In those days and for a long time after, there was only one place to buy a suit of clothes - Stanton St. Jews came from all over New York and beyond, to this, the heart of the East Side, for their Yomtov finery.

There was Joe and Paul immortalized in song:
Joe and Paul a fargeniegen,
Zvei pur hoisen ken men kriegen,
A suit, a coat, a gaberdine,
Shickt arein eir klenem zihn.
(Joe and Paul, oh what a pleasure,
Two pairs of trousers made to measure,
In tweed or twill or corduroy
Just send us in your little boy).
and Leibowitz and Treger and the brothers Newman. But it wasn't these purveyors of high fashion that my mother patronized. She was interested in one thing - quality: how long the suit would withstand the punishment a healthy boy inflicted on it, and whether its staying power would suffice for another son or two.

Considering the generations that were reared in a single suit of clothes, it was amazing that it was still intact for shipment to our relatives in Poland in the thirties.

Advertising still had to plumb the depths of the mercantile world of the East Side. The shrewd housewife was suspicious of anything included in the price of a garment not visible to the naked eye. But the Stanton Street merchant did not rely on chance or providence to guide the customer to his door. He employed what was known as a shlepper or hooker to drag reluctant customers and their even more reluctant offspring to his establishment.

The shlepper usually was paid a flat rate for every victim he managed to entice regardless whether a purchase finally resulted, the Stanton Street merchant was that confident in his ability to make a sale. After all, since style didn't matter, it was only a question of reaching agreement on price. And, as the opening price was so far in excess of what the merchant was ultimately prepared to accept, there was no reason why he should not pay his commissions in advance.

As the scapegoat destined for the suit of iron, I could feel the web of intrigue being spun artfully around us by the oily shlepper. At first my mother pretended that we weren't looking for a suit at all. But the trained eye of the front man was not taken in by her innocent protestations.

Once in the shop it was only a matter of time before the final deal would be consummated. But I always lived in hope that somehow we'd manage to escape without making a purchase. The negotiations had an air of ritual about them. First would come the choice of garment, perhaps the least important part of the transaction to the adversaries. In this case my mother had hit upon a suit with belted jacket and velvet collar.

The boys at school would laugh me to death if I arrived for classes dressed in such a sissified get-up, I protested in vain. That is if I ever managed to infiltrate alive through the "Polack" encampment that lay in between our house and the yeshiva.

"What are you talking about, naarishe kind," my mother tried to convince me. "It's the same suit Paul Muni wore in his last picture."

"Yes, but who wants to look like Louis Pasteur," I cried in despair.

"Feel the material," the shop-keeper urged my mother. "It 'll last a lifetime."

"I don't doubt it," I interjected, "considering how many life times it's lasted already."

"Your son's a real little comedian missis," the merchant tried flattering my mother. "He'll go a long way."

"How much?" my mother cut him short.

"Twelve dollars."

This my mother thought hilarious. She never laughed at my jokes. But the thought of the tailor's audacity in asking so astronomical a price provoked her into fits of laughter, in which I joined, overjoyed that the parties were still so far from striking a bargain.

The tailor didn't see the humour of the situation. "Nu, how much will you give?"

My mother quoted a figure equally ridiculous, and the battle was on, with mother making several false departures and, to my dismay, an equal number of returns.

We got the suit for something like $7.50, which was a lot of money in those days before the imposition of a minimum wage of $10 for a 40-hour week.

I wore the suit exactly once for I developed an allergy to the heavy wool material and my mother had to give it away. The unlucky recipient was the rabbi's son who was about my age and size. He never forgave me.

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